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FRIENDSHIP TREATY

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1. WE ARE STRUCK BY NOTABLY COOL AND PEDESTRIAN STYLE OF
SCINTEIA ARTICLE IN OBSERVANCE OF 8TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRIEND-
SHIP TREATY WHICH, ALTHOUGH IT MAKES ALL THE FORMAL BOWS
(FIRST COUNTRY TO ACHIEVE SOCIALISM, ROMANIA'S LIBERATOR
FROM FASCISM, ETC.), IS NOTABLY SHORT ON EFFULGENCE. WHERE-
AS LAST YEAR'S ARTICLE--NOT ITSELF AN OVERLY FLORID TREAT-
MENT--STRIKES "UPWARDS AND ONWARDS, TOGETHER WE MARCH"
CHORD, THIS YEAR'S SEEMS TO US AS PAST-ORIENTED, OR AT
LEAST STAND-PAT.

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2. LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, CEAUSESCU WAS STILL ORCHESTRATING
HIS MINI-RAPPROCHMENT WITH "BIG BROTHER", AND ARTICLE IN
OBSERVANCE OF 7TH ANNIVERSARY INCLUDES A LONGER AND MORE
POSITIVE CEAUSESCU QUOTE AS WELL AS A BREZHNEV QUOTE;
PHRASES SUCH AS "THE HIGHEST VALUE" ACCORDED TO
FRIENDSHIP AND COLLABORATION WITH USSR AND "PERMANENT
PREOCCUPATION WITH DEEPENING ROMANIAN-SOVIET COLLABORA-

TION IN ALL FIELDS," HELP MAKE IT MORE POSITIVE THAN THIS YEAR'S VERSION. CLOSING PARAGRAPH EXPRESSES "CONVICTION" THAT ROMANIAN-SOVIET COLLABORATION WILL CONTINUE "TO DEVELOP AND FLOURISH IN INTERESTS OF PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES." THE CLOSING THIS YEAR PLACES COLLABORATION IN A MULTILATERAL CONTEXT ON THE INTERNATIONAL PLANE AND THEN WISHES SOVIET PEOPLE "WITH ALL OUR HEARTS" GREAT VICTORIES IN BUILDING COMMUNISM AND IN "NOBLE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE AND PROGRESS."

3. THIS MAY BE ONLY THE 8TH ANNIVERSARY RATHER THAN THE 10TH; BUT LAST YEAR WAS THE 7TH AND NOT THE 5TH, AND IT APPEARS TO US THAT ARTICLES ARE MORE NUANCED TO VAGARIES OF THE "BROTHERLY" RELATIONSHIP THAN MOSCOW'S ROMANIAN (REFTEL) CARED TO ADMIT.
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